



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

Technical Coordinating Committee

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Minutes of April 12, 2000
9:30 A.M. Greensboro, NC**

ATTENDEES

Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chair, GDOT	Mul Wyman	Guilford County Planning
Gene Kimel, Sr.	Town of Pleasant Garden	Scott Rhine	NCDOT
Alec MacIntosh	Greensboro Planning	Ted Johnson	Airport Authority
Lynise DeVance	FHWA	Veronica Dunlap	GDOT
Ken King	GDOT	Travis Marshall	NCDOT
Libby James	GTA	Tyler Meyer	GDOT

Jim Westmoreland called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve February 25, 2000 Minutes

Ken King moved to approve the minutes. Libby James seconded and the motion carried.

Recommend TAC release to public comment of MTIP Amendment – Transit

Tyler Meyer described the proposed amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program FY 2000-2006 (MTIP). The amendment would re-program Section 5307 transit funds in accordance with a newly adopted Board of Transportation Policy intended to increase funding flexibility for transit operators. The public review period will begin April 17 and end May 16 and will be advertised and displayed in accordance with the public involvement policy. Libby James stated 5307 funds are GTA's primary federal funding source and reviewed the expenditures planned under the amendment. Libby James moved to recommend TAC release the draft MTIP amendment to public comment. Scott Rhine seconded. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

MPO Representation

Ken King reviewed the status of the MPO representation discussion. The 2-25 TAC meeting discussion appeared to move towards a consensus that enhanced MPO-Town communications strategies are a more appropriate response to town concerns than TAC membership changes. A handout entitled *MPO – Town Communications Efforts* was discussed. TAC is expected to resolve the issue at the 4-12 TAC meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

Division Engineer Update

Pat Ivey reported for Mike Mills. The Vickery Chapel widening from I-85 Business to Grandover Parkway will be let to contract in June with construction expected to begin in August.

Scott Rhine reported on the status of the Multi-Modal Center project. Funding commitments are in place. However issues surrounding property acquisition means construction is expected to begin in December 2000, later then earlier project estimates.

TIP Priority Sessions

The MPO Priority Session will be held April 14th in Raleigh and will be attended by TAC members Galyon, Carmany, and Holliday and MPO staff. Ken King reviewed the anticipated agenda and stated that the *MPO Priority Needs* adopted October 21, 1999 will be discussed.

Environmental Justice Update

Tyler Meyer introduced the topic by providing an overview of Title VI and Environmental Justice (EJ) issues and their emergence as an area requiring substantial analysis, documentation, and some additional public involvement measures on the part of MPOs. Lynise DeVance overviewed (1) recent guidance from USDOT Headquarters to the FHWA and FTA regional offices; and (2) a memo from the North Carolina FHWA Division Office to all 17 NC MPOs. The memo describes the legal and administrative basis for EJ compliance requirements and poses a set of questions for MPOs regarding the extent of current EJ efforts. Responses to these questions are requested by June 1. The intent of the request is to assist with task development and to help FHWA ascertain the existing level of EJ efforts in NC. GDOT Staff is preparing a response, and more information will be provided at the next TCC meeting.

Airport Authority Update

Ted Johnson reported the Regional Road relocation has been let to contract. Construction is expected to start within 30-60 days. The Draft EIS for the proposed PTIA expansion has been released for public comment. A public hearing on the DEIS is scheduled May 23rd at the special events center of the coliseum. The environmental review process may be completed by the end of 2000, with construction beginning in early 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.